**Ratby Surgery – PPG Meeting Tuesday 14 January 2020**

**Present:** Jenny Dowling Apologies: Mary Harrison

Lynne King Joan Hawkins

Paul Miles Sue Rudland

Jacqui Oakley

Lynda Jones

Dr James Ogle

Sheila Adcock

Jenny Dowling

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the feedback some members had made regarding the December article in ‘The Local’, comments were made that is was ‘heavy with too much text for readers to digest and not possibly in the spirit of the Xmas addition’ although some members had no problem with the article.

It was decided that the group should agree the format of the articles on a 3 monthly basis and a named dedicated member should be responsible for co-ordinating the articles. It was unanimously agreed that if Joan was happy to be the dedicated person this should continue as in previous months. The following headings were agreed for the next publications.

**Feb Article**

* CQC report and results
* Vaccinations mentioning the importance of children having their vaccination especially Mumps/Measles & Rubella (MMR) in the light of the current epidemics.
* Shingles vaccinations for the over 65’s
* Pneumonia Vaccination for the over 65’s (also available for under 65’s who have certain conditions- patients to enquire at reception if the fall into this group).

Notice Board

CQC Report in full

Medicine Management Waste Poster

**March Article**

* Wellbeing – (Obesity but perhaps using the word)
* Walking groups in the area
* Slimming Groups
* Exercise

Notice Board

Ovarian Cancer

Medicine Management Waste Poster

**April Article**

* Bowel Cancer screening
* Diabetic Retinopathy

Notice Board

Bowel Cancer Awareness

Support organisations

Medicine Management Waste poster

**May Article**

* It is Deaf Awareness week and Lynda said she was doing an article with Joan regarding this

**Should anyone have anything to contribute to an article they should let Sheila or Joan know via email this will then help to share the work load amongst other members**. The deadline for the publication varies from month to month the date for the deadline is published in the current ‘Local’ issue. Next cut -off date 3 February 2020

James

Reported that the practice was happy with the CQC report following the re-visit from them in November. Everyone was pleased with the results and a copy had been sent to all members for bedtime reading. A copy would be pinned to the notice board for patients to read.

James handed out a plan sent by the architects for the proposed New Medical Centre, this feels like we are getting a little closer.

James reported that our PCN Group (Primary Care Network) consisting of Ratby, Groby, Desford, Newbold Verdon & Earl Shilton had appointment a Pharmacist to work across all the practice, this would equate to approximately 3.5 hours per week for Ratby. Their role would be to do medication reviews on patients either face to face or via the telephone in the first instance.

James made the group aware that NHS England have agreed a new contract with the BMA for PCN’s to work to. Currently GP’s are not signing up to this as it is felt it is unworkable and the workload was not feasible for already stretched GP’s to fulfil, he advised the group they would be reading more about this in the press in the near future.

AOB

Some time ago it was discussed that the PPG could produce a leaflet that could be given to residents buying new houses in our catchment area informing them of various activities in the area. Lynne said that she would be happy to put together a leaflet if other members let her have information of various groups and activities that there were locally for the leaflet. A starting point may be the list on our PPG notice board but perhaps everyone can start thinking of groups that could go on the list including Kirby Muxloe as the latest development is in Kirby Muxloe.

It had also been agreed some time ago that we should produce a pack for newly diagnosed Cancer patients giving information of help available and various support groups as they face a difficult time. At the time of discussion it was felt that an introductory letter had to be very sensitively worded, this may be something that you may want to think about, we could have it on the agenda in April.

JD Reported that she had attended the Locality PPG meeting at their new venue (Hinckley & Rugby Building Society) as the Federation could no longer offer the group a room due to their expansion. JD had also attended the Federation Board meeting and fully supported the GP’s decision to reject the new contract that NHS England have agreed with the BMA as being totally unworkable with current staff availability in practices.

**Next Meeting Tuesday 21 April 2020 here at the surgery at 6pm**